**(Washington, DC)** Today, Congressman Alcee L. Hastings (D-Miramar) issued the following statement on the tragic murder-suicide in Riviera Beach that took place Sunday night:

"I am deeply saddened by the tragedy that took place last night. The loss of so many young lives is heartbreaking.

"My thoughts and prayers are with the surviving and injured children and I extend my deepest sympathies to the family and friends of the victims.

"Their loss is one that can never be made right but we must come together as a community to ensure that this family has the support it needs to begin to heal."

Congressman Alcee L. Hastings is Vice Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, a senior member of the House Rules Committee, and Co-Chairman of the U.S. Helsinki Commission.

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